

The Sinclair Broadcasting Company's decision to force their stations to air a politically charged anti-Kerry documentary days before the election without also requiring an anti-Bush documentary, i.e. Fahrenheit 9/11, is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what reflects the political interest of the corporate owners without offering fair and balanced representations of various points of view. Why only anti-Kerry, why not also anti-Nader, et al? Such managed news programming is censorship and should NOT be tolerated in America, formerly the Land of the Free.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.